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DECENCY IN NEWSPAPER WORK.

During the past week the people of Astoria have had occasion to observe the extent to which a newspaper may do a man an injustice and injure his character by its refusal to decently apologize for its own misstatement. The facts are still fresh in public memory. A young man engaged as circulator for The Astorian was charged in the Evening Budget with having grossly insulted women while canvassing for subscribers. It was alleged many complaints had been made to the evening newspaper, and, without investigation or notice to the solicitor, the newspaper printed a most venomous attack upon him, branding him as a scoundrel whose conduct warranted his arrest upon a most serious charge.

The indignation of the young man was largely overcome by his grief. He had been in the city but a few months and this assault upon his character was to him a crushing blow. He knew there was not the slightest foundation in fact for the attack, but what means to take the right the wrong that had been done him was a problem which he found it difficult to solve. He finally decided upon the only reasonable course open to him, and called upon the publisher of the Budget to ask that the charge be proven. On the flimsy pretext that the solicitor was a few moments behind an appointed hour in arriving at the office of the newspaper, the publisher declined to further discuss the matter with him, nor would he divulge the name of the accuser or otherwise give the young man an opportunity to establish his innocence.

We know just how the people of Astoria feel in this matter. They are a unit in agreeing that no greater injustice was ever done any one than that done H. J. Langoe. Hundreds of persons have made the acquaintance of the young man since his arrival in the city, and all have formed for him a warm friendship, because of his gentlemanly bearing at all times. His intimate friends know he never uses profanity and are satisfied, of course, there is not the remotest truth in the published assertion that he had cursed women who had refused to subscribe for the paper which he has so capably represented.

It is not so much to a desire to further defend the young man as to point out the unalloyed villainy of the unscrupulous attack that we are discussing the matter at this time. After the Budget had printed its slanderous attack, it replied to the defense of the young man with an even more abusive utterance, concluding with the statement that it would "not further discuss the matter." It had lied deliberately and maliciously in an effort to discredit an attack of a rival publication, and, with characteristic effrontery, had disregarded all the rules of decency by refusing the victim of its venom the opportunity of disproving its statement. When a man is accused of having insulted a woman he is charged with about as grave an offense as is possible. It would seem that any man with a spark of decency would gladly afford him the opportunity of proving his innocence. Ownership of a newspaper, either great or small, does not license a man to thus malign another, however much the publisher may be nettled because of legitimate loss of business.

The Budget ought to be thoroughly ashamed of itself for this contemptible piece of business, and we must confess surprise and grief that it has failed to apologize to Mr. Langoe for the wrong done him. The incident will not serve to increase the public's estimation of the evening publication, but will stamp that journal as unworthy the confidence of fair-minded people.

INSTRUCTION OF DELEGATES.

The late state democratic convention split over a mooted question that has often caused trouble at state gatherings of the kind, and which frequently entails difficulty at county and city conventions. Whether or not the delegates to the national convention should be instructed for William Randolph Hearst was a problem upon which amicable agreement could not be reached, and, after a bitter fight, the resolution embodying the instruction was decisively voted down, and that, too, in a convention composed of 80 per cent of Hearst men.

The opposition to indorsement of delegates does not appear to be well founded. Delegates represent, or should represent, their constituents. They are

not acting for themselves when they go into convention, but for the mass of voters who sent them there. They should carry out the wishes of the voters. In order to do this, the sentiment of the voters should be secured. Primarily, the delegates to the county conventions represent sentiment. It is not difficult for them to determine the attitude of the people they represent upon any momentous question. When men go to the state convention they should endeavor to carry out the will of the majority of the people they represent.

The cry was set up at the late convention that it was an insult to the intelligence of Oregon's democratic delegates to tie their hands with instructions. Quite to the contrary, it is an insult to the intelligence of the voters to send them uninstructed. A moment's reflection will convince pretty nearly anyone that eight men elected to the St. Louis convention ought to know positively the choice of the 40,000 or more voters for whom they are acting. They are chosen from among delegates to the state convention, and it is to be presumed they are not of greater intelligence than the men who selected them for the mission. As a rule, the man opposed to instruction either is hostile to the candidacy of the choice of the majority, or else desires to place himself in position to be handled in the event of his election to the national convention. Instructions should be reasonable, of course, but nevertheless delegates should be told what to do. It's not a matter of their individual intelligence; it's a question of the wishes of the voters.

COMMEMORATING HAMILTON'S DEATH.

On July 12 next will occur the 100th anniversary of the death of Alexander Hamilton, and President Sheridan of the Hamilton club of Chicago urges that the event be commemorated throughout the country by suitable exercises. He adds that the Hamilton Club of Brooklyn, existing as it does amidst the scenes of Hamilton's life, should take the lead in the movement.

The general commemoration of Hamilton's death would constitute at best only a faint recognition of the vast debt that this republic owes to his memory. To him more than to any other single person is the nation indebted for the constitution under which we live. He was one of the first to comprehend the fundamental and fatal defects of the old confederation of state—"a rope of sand," as it has been called—and it is owing chiefly to his genius and his statesmanship and his eloquence and persistence that the present constitution was framed and adopted—an instrument that has been described by Gladstone as one of the noblest documents ever drafted by the hand of man. The purpose of this instrument is accurately stated in the preamble—"to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity," and so fully have these objects been realized that with the exceptions of the last four amendments, it remains today exactly as it stood when Burr's shot laid Hamilton low.

The friends of the present industrial policy of this country have a special reason for honoring Hamilton's memory. Hamilton was the "father of protection" as it has existed under the constitution. In his historic report to congress as secretary of the treasury, in which he outlined a plan for putting the finances of the new republic on a sound basis, he pointed out the validity of protective duties, and showed, by irrefutable arguments that are as pertinent today as they were when they were uttered, that such duties were imperatively demanded in order to bring about a diversification of industry. This report was followed by the speedy enactment by congress of a protective tariff, largely the work of Hamilton, and soon after order was brought out of chaos in the matter of finances and mills and factories sprung up in nearly every section of the country. Clay, Greeley, Blaine, McKinley and other protection leaders have only followed the path that Hamilton cleared.

It goes without saying that Hamilton's memory will be properly commemorated in our own city. Here was his home, here most of his work was wrought, and here his ashes lie. His name is proudly treasured by the metropolis.—Commercial.

The W. C. T. U. is anxious to learn whether the Mormon church really means to abolish polygamy or just put it off until after the presidential election.

In his campaign for the gubernatorial nomination in Missouri Joe Folk is sleeping but two hours a night. His opponents are unable to sleep at all.

It begins to look more like business in the war in the orient. The Russians have captured two Japanese cooks and a couple of correspondents.

The republicans of the Seventh Indiana district have assured Mr. Overstreet that there are no grade crossings on his road to re-election.

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